



# Claim to determine Qualifying Service by an Australian or Allied Mariner during the Second World War

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Please write in BLOCK LETTERS using a blue or black pen (not pencil). You must answer all questions unless directed otherwise.

## Your Personal details

1. Surname

2. Given name(s)

3. Date of birth

4. Home address

  

5. Postal address

  

6. Home phone

7. Work phone

8. Mobile

9. E-mail

10. DVA file number (if known)

11. With which country's/countries'  
merchant navies did you serve?

**Your Personal details** *continued...*

**12. Please give details of your merchant navy service during the 1939 - 45 War (in order of earliest to last):**

|    | <i>Name of ship</i> | <i>Port or country in which registered</i> | <i>Port engaged Date</i> | <i>Port discharged Date</i> | <i>Rank, rating or duty</i> | <i>Purpose of voyage (e.g. Australian or foreign trading, troop or supply transport, tugging, salvage etc.)</i> | <i>Ports of call</i> |
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**13. Did you reside in Australia for the 12 months immediately before joining the merchant navy?**

No  Yes

**Your Personal details** *continued...*

**14. What campaign stars or medals were you awarded?**

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**15. What danger were you in from hostile forces of the enemy?**

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**16. Were you ever employed on a ship which was operating to or from the port of a country at war with Australia?**

No  Yes

**17. Were you ever employed on a ship which was engaged in trading with a country at war with Australia?**

No  Yes

**18. Were you ever employed on a ship which was engaged in providing assistance or support to the enemy or a country at war with Australia?**

No  Yes

**Declaration**

To help us make a decision on your qualifying service, **please include certified copies of any official papers in your possession which give details about your service**, such as discharge certificate, statement of service, certificates for the award of campaign stars/medals.

Any documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by a certified translation in English.

- I declare that the information I have given in this form is complete and correct.
- I authorise the Department of Veterans' Affairs to obtain from other organisations, any information that is required to determine my qualifying service.
- I have never at any time served with a force or on a vessel that was at war with Australia, nor have I assisted such a force.
- I am aware that there are penalties for making false statements.
- I consent the disclosure by other organisations of any information required by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to determine my qualifying service.

**Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.**

**19. Mariner's signature**

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Date

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Note: The Department will NOT accept any responsibility for any action taken (e.g. early retirement) in anticipation of being eligible for a service pension. Even if it is determined that you have qualifying service, you will need to satisfy other eligibility requirements such as the income and assets tests and residency. It is advisable to have your eligibility confirmed in writing **before** you retire.

**To help us quickly decide on your qualifying service, please show us any official papers you have which give details about your service. If the papers are not in English, please provide an English translation. We will return the papers as soon as possible by certified mail.**